COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM FY 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

PROJECT NUMBER: PIP 12H (Addendum)

I. **Project Title:** Master Interpretive Plan for Colorado Riverfront Trail

II. Principal Investigators:

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III. **Project Summary:** In Spring 2001, Recovery Program partners applied for a grant from the National Park Foundation to hire a contractor to develop an interpretive plan for the Colorado Riverfront Trail in the Grand Valley, Colorado. As it was conceived, the Colorado Riverfront Plan was dependent upon receipt of grant funds. The plan would detail the goals and recommendations to develop a coordinated look/content of interpretive messages that reflect programs offered by several public and private organizations, including the City of Grand Junction, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado State Parks, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Recovery Program.

IV. Study Schedule:

Initial year: FY 2002 Final year: FY 2003

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:

VI. INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR THE ENDANGERED FISHES AND THE RECOVERY PROGRAM.

VI. Accomplishment of FY 2002 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

A grant request was submitted to the National Park Service Foundation to fund development of a master interpretive plan for the Colorado Riverfront Trail in Grand Junction. The Foundation changed its criteria for awarding grants and this request was tabled. Because the Recovery Program lost a staff position that was overseeing this project (Kathy Holley), it could no longer take the lead on seeing this project through. As a result, the Legacy Committee in Grand Junction has taken over, with help from CDOW, and is pursuing grant funds from Greater Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). The Recovery Program submitted a letter of support and committed \$1,000 toward this effort. The grant award will be made in 2003, if approved.

- **VII. Recommendations:** Continue to work with the local groups to support a master interpretive plan for the Colorado Riverfront Trail.
- VIII. Project Status: Pending.
- IX. FY 2002 Budget Status

A. Funds Provided: \$1,000 B. Funds Expended: -0-C. Difference: \$1,000

- D. Percent of the FY 2002 work completed, and projected costs to complete: 90%, \$1,000
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: Not applicable.
- X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): n/a
- XI. Signed:

<u>Debbie Felker</u> <u>January 6, 2003</u> Information & Education Coordinator Date